Diversity of opinion is essential for Democracy to survive. In an era when the media is already manipulated by lobbyists, ratings, and the desire to reduce complicated issues to a 30 second sound bite, it is essential that the public have access to a wide variety of news sources--not only on a national level but especially on a local level where day to day issues ultimately impact the larger picture.

From all accounts, the proposed deregulation would serve the private interests of a few and the public interest of none. I oppose taking a vote that leads to more media consolidation and empire building among the selected few.

On June 2nd, I urge you to retain the current ownership rules.

Sincerely,

Linda Brovsky